

Application No.: 10/008,326
Amendment Dated 26 Jan. 2004
Reply to Office Action dated August 25, 2003

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, line 4 through page 3, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

A device of that kind, from the applicant, has been known for a long time, for example in the form according to DE 21 39 123 B2 ~~DE 21 39 023 B2~~. Such a known glue stick comprises a cylindrical sleeve, the open delivery end of which in the case of non-use is provided with a detachable closure cap for the purpose of avoiding drying out of the glue mass disposed in the sleeve. The glue mass within the sleeve is cast into a piston-shaped element and together with this is held in the sleeve to be secure against rotation, and arranged to be displaceable in longitudinal direction of the sleeve, wherein, for displacement, the piston-shaped element is provided in the centre with an internally threaded bore in which is engaged a screw spindle extending almost over the entire length of the sleeve and thus also through the glue mass and integrally merging at the end with a knurled, nut-like socket-shaped rotary grip with is rotatably mounted at the other end of the sleeve and protrudes outwardly therefrom, thus at the foot of the sleeve, and which enables manipulation of the device, in that with the sleeve firmly held the rotary grip is turned in one or other direction so that the piston-shaped element and the glue mass connected therewith move relative to the sleeve in one or other direction and make possible either delivery of glue or retraction of the glue mass into the sleeve.

Application No.: 10/008,326
Amendment Dated 26 Jan. 2004
Reply to Office Action dated August 25, 2003

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, line 25 through page 8, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

R2

A socket-shaped rotary grip 6 is to be mounted at the receiving element 2 via the passage opening of the sleeve base 4. For that purpose the socket-shaped rotary grip 6 has the upper side a tubular protrusion 7 which goes over into a widened conical region 8, which is provided at its transition to the tubular protrusion 7 with an encircling detent bead 9 so dimensioned that on insertion of the socket-shaped rotary grip 6 into the sleeve-shaped receiving element 2 the rotary grip 6 comes into detenting contact with the detent bead 9 at the end of the conical region 4b and is thus secured in axial direction, but mounted to be rotatable. The conical region 8 of the rotary grip 6 tapers upwardly and goes over, preferably integrally, into a screw spindle 10, the length of which approximately corresponds to the height of the interior of the receiving element 2. For assembly of the device the rotary grip 6 together with the screw spindle 10 is introduced from below through the passage opening 5 into the receiving element 2 and clicked into place, whereby, as explained, the detent bead 9 bears in detenting manner in the region 4b of the sleeve base 4[[6]] and, in particular, in such a way that the rotary grip 6 can be turned relative to the sleeve-shaped receiving element 2 and is at the same time secured in axial direction at the receiving element 2 with a small play.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, line 15 through page 10, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

Application No.: 10/008,326
Amendment Dated 26 Jan. 2004
Reply to Office Action dated August 25, 2003

A³
The design of the outer profile of the piston-shaped element 11 is now of significance. The underneath outer profile of the piston-shaped element 11 is, in particular, formed to be complementary to the corresponding outer profile of the sleeve base 4 [[6]] and of the conical region 8, which protrudes through the passage opening 5 [[7]] inwardly into the sleeve-shaped element 2, of the socket-shaped rotary grip 6. For that purpose the piston-shaped element 11 has, in the embodiment, first of all a circularly annular outer wall 15, to which there adjoins at the underside a conical inner wall 16 which goes over into a circularly annular inner wall region 17 at the upper side, the region being furnished at the inner side with the internal thread 12 for the screw spindle 10.

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 13 through 16, with the following amended paragraph:

A⁴
At least one ventilating opening 18 communicating the underside of the piston-shaped element with the interior of the sleeve-shaped receiving element, which is preferably constructed as a ventilating bore or a ventilating groove, is preferably provided in the lowermost region of the piston-shaped element 11.